

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application as presently amended and in light of the following discussion is respectfully requested.

Claims 29-52 are pending in this application with Claims 32-38, 42, and 45-52 withdrawn from consideration. Claim 29 has been amended by the present amendment.

In the Office Action of October 19, 2005, Claim 44 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph; Claims 29, 39, and 43 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over Reddy (U.S. Patent No. 6,175,355) in view of Izawa et al (European Patent No. EP 525,976 A2, herein "Izawa"); and Claims 30, 31, 40, 41, and 44 were indicated as allowable if rewritten in independent form.

A response has been filed on February 21, 2006, amending the claims and addressing the matters raised by the Office Action of October 19, 2005. Further, on March 1, 2006, Applicants' representative discussed with Examiner Sheng the filed amendment and Examiner Sheng suggested amending independent Claim 29 to overcome the applied art. Thus, Claim 29 is amended by this Supplemental Amendment as suggested by Examiner Sheng without adding new matter.

Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that independent Claim 29 and each of the claims depending therefrom patentably distinguish over Reddy and Izawa, either alone or in combination.

Consequently, in light of the above discussion and in view of present amendment, the present application is believed to be in condition for allowance and an early and favorable action to that effect is respectfully submitted.

Respectfully submitted,

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